

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **February 14, 2012**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 15

CONSENT: REGULAR: **X**

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:  
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Emergency Operations Plan (January, 2012)**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution reaffirming the City's use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as well as adopting the newly revised Emergency Operations Plan (January, 2012).

SUMMARY:

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) was developed by the United States Department of Homeland Security with the intent that NIMS be implemented by all local, state, tribal and federal agencies for managing domestic disasters. City Council originally adopted NIMS on October 26, 2004. Since that time City employees have undergone training and completed various exercises to ensure an appropriate understanding of the concepts and overall compliance with the system. By reaffirming this commitment to the NIMS process City leaders recognize the advantages of a comprehensive, nationwide systematic approach to incident management.

The current Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was adopted by Council on April 23, 2002. Overall the plan has served us well through numerous exercises and events. The new plan incorporates many of the existing emergency operations procedures and adds three (3) significant changes to enhance our emergency planning and operations.

- The format of the plan has been condensed from the original document. The new plan is formatted in a user friendly version that is easily shared with the public through electronic distribution.
- The creation of the *Emergency Policy Team*. This team (as the core group of senior managers knowledgeable in field emergency operations) advises the City Manager in pre-emergency planning, emergency and incident command, and recovery.
- The creation of *Emergency Support Functions* (ESFs). ESFs are organized as task groups and operate out of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). These support functions provide resources to support both the Incident Command Team for incident issues and the Emergency Operations Team for incident-related issues that fall outside the Incident Command Team's scope.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Emergency Policy Team review, Leadership Team review and Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) review.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

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ATTACHMENT(S): NIMS Fact Sheet, EOP

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION:

#R-12-021

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security issued the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a comprehensive national approach to incident management, applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across all functional disciplines;

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2004 Council originally adopted the National Incident Management System to be used by City departments for the purpose of managing emergency and potential emergency incidents of all sizes, to include but not limited to, natural, technological, and man-made disasters;

WHEREAS, many types of natural and man-made disasters can pose safety risks to a community and the protection of the citizenry and private as well as public property constitute an essential mission of local government;

WHEREAS, staff personnel have established a plan of action to assist in helping to protect such life and property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lynchburg City Council that the Council hereby endorses continued implementation of the National Incident Management System and that it continue to be institutionalized into employee training and exercises as deemed appropriate by the City Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lynchburg City Council that the City Council hereby adopts the City of Lynchburg Emergency Operations Plan (January, 2012) to guide the provision of public safety and municipal services in the event of a disaster in the community.

Adopted: February 14, 2012

Certified:

  
Clerk of Council

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